

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-54. (Cancelled)

55. (New) A method of using a replicating device to transfer information between a master device and a third-party device, the method comprising:

replicating to the replicating device via a first communication link at least a portion of information stored on the master device and thereafter terminating the first communication link;

moving the replicating device to a location in communicable proximity to the third-party device;

while the replicating device is in communicable proximity of the third-party device, (i) establishing a second communication link between the replicating device and the third-party device, (ii) at the third-party device, identifying outmoded information on the replicating device and prompting a user to determine whether the outmoded information should be updated, (iii) establishing a third communication link between the replicating device and the master device, (iv) transferring up-to-date information from the master device to the replicating device via the third communication link, and (v) providing the up-to-date information received at the replicating device to the third-party device via the second communication link.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, further comprising:

updating the outmoded information on the replicating device with the up-to-date information provided to the replicating device.

57. (New) The method of claim 55, further comprising:
displaying on a user interface of the third-party device a status that indicates whether the replicated information is up-to-date, possibly outmoded, or outmoded.

58. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the first communication link comprises a wireless communication link.

59. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the first communication link comprises a wireless local area network (WLAN).

60. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the second communication link comprises a wireless communication link.

61. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the second communication link comprises a wireless local area network (WLAN).

62. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein the third communication link differs in kind from the first and second communication links, wherein the first communication link differs in kind from the second and third communication links, and wherein the second communication link differs in kind from the first and third communication links.

63. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the third communication link comprises a wireless communication link.

64. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the third communication link comprises a 2G network.

65. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the third communication link comprises a 2.5G network.

66. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the third communication link comprises a 3G network.

67. (New) A vehicle diagnostic device comprising:

a first wireless access device that communicates with a replicating device, wherein the replicating device is located on a movable land-based vehicle and replicates information stored at a master device remote from the replicating device;

a processor;

data storage; and

programming instructions stored at the data storage and executable by the processor to request at least a portion of the replicated information from the replicating device when the replicating device is within communicable proximity of the first wireless access device,

wherein the requested information comprises information for configuring at least one vehicle application obtained for the vehicle diagnostic device, and

wherein the replication server provides the requested information to the vehicle diagnostic device in response to the request.

68. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one vehicle application comprises an application for measuring a voltage.

69. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 68, wherein the measured voltage is a battery voltage.

70. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one vehicle application comprises an application for detecting a voltage.

71. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 70, wherein the detected voltage is a battery voltage.

72. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one vehicle application comprises an application for measuring an idle speed.

73. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one of vehicle application comprises an application for detecting an idle speed.

74. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one vehicle application comprises an application for measuring an engine rpm.

75. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one vehicle application comprises an application for detecting an engine rpm.

76. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one vehicle application comprises an application for measuring a cam anomaly.

77. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the at least one vehicle application comprises an application for detecting a cam anomaly.

78. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the vehicle diagnostic device is a handheld device.

79. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67,
wherein the first wireless access device is configured to automatically detect a beacon signal from the movable land-based vehicle, and
wherein the vehicle diagnostic devices requests the replicated information in response to the beacon.

80. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, wherein the replicating device receives the information from the master device after the replicating device is transported by the land-based vehicle into a coverage area provided by a second wireless access device.

81. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 80, wherein the second wireless access device couples the replicating device to the master device when the replicating device is within communicable proximity of the second wireless access device.

82. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 81, wherein the first wireless access device and the second wireless access device each carry out communications with the replicating device according to an IEEE 802.11 standard.

83. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 81, wherein the first wireless access device and the second wireless access device each carry out communications with the replicating device according to a Bluetooth specification.

84. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 81, wherein the first wireless access device and the second wireless access device each carry out communications with the replicating device according to an IEEE 802.11 standard.

85. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 81, wherein the first wireless access device and the second wireless access device each carry out communications with the replicating device according to a wireless local area network (WLAN) specification.

86. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 67, further comprising:
a user interface that displays a status of the replicated information, and

wherein the program instructions further comprise instructions executable by the processor to prompt a user to determine if the replicated information on the replicating device should be updated via a remote network.

87. (New) The vehicle diagnostic device of claim 86, wherein the user interface displays a status that indicates whether the replicated information is up-to-date, possibly outmoded, or outmoded.